

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:20-cv-00550-KBJ

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Assigned to: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/25/2020

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/25/2020	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-6861454) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of Justice)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 02/25/2020)
02/25/2020	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 02/25/2020)
02/26/2020		Case Assigned to Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. (adh,) (Entered: 02/26/2020)
02/26/2020	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 02/26/2020)
03/19/2020	<u>4</u>	GENERAL ORDER AND GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO FOIA CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON. The Court will hold the parties and counsel responsible for following these directives, and parties and counsel should pay particular attention to the Court's instructions for processing and production of records, batching motions, and filing exhibits. Failure to adhere to this Order may, when appropriate, result the imposition of sanctions and/or sua sponte denial of non-conforming motions. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 3/19/2020. (jag) (Entered: 03/19/2020)

03/24/2020	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/23/2020. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/22/2020.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 3/4/2020., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 3/4/2020 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 03/24/2020)
04/22/2020	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Carol Federighi on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 04/22/2020)
04/22/2020	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 04/22/2020)
04/27/2020		MINUTE ORDER. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chief Judge Beryl Howell has now issued two Standing Orders presumptively postponing all proceedings in the District Court until after June 1, 2020. See In re: Extension of Postponed Court Proceedings in Standing Order 20-9 and Limiting Court Operations in Exigent Circumstances Created by the COVID-19 Pandemic, Standing Order 20-19 (D.D.C.); In re: Court Operations in Exigent Circumstances created by the Covid-19 Pandemic, Standing Order No. 20-9 (D.D.C.). In light of the ongoing pandemic, and the associated difficulties that it is causing in workplaces, this Court is extending the standard period of time that it affords parties to submit proposed schedules for briefing or disclosure in FOIA cases following submission of an answer. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 5/27/2020, the parties shall confer and submit a proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure. This Court will freely grant extensions of this deadline should the need arise. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 4/27/2020. (jag) (Entered: 04/27/2020)
05/27/2020	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 05/27/2020)
05/27/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 6/29/2020, the parties shall file a further joint status report, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 5/27/2020. (jag) (Entered: 05/27/2020)
06/29/2020	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 06/29/2020)
06/30/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before 11/10/2020, the parties shall file a further joint status report, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 6/30/2020. (jag) (Entered: 06/30/2020)